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APPLICANT: Remy Collier et al.
SERIAL NO.: 10/581,978
FILING DATE: June 6, 2006 CONFIRMATION NO.: 7156
TITLE: Very Small-Diameter Open-Cell Polymer Foams and Their Manufacturing Process
EXAMINER: Zemel, Irina Sopjia
ART UNIT: 1796

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PETITION TO ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINAL 371 APPLICATION
FILING DATE AS OFFICIAL FILING DATE

Upon reviewing the enclosed documents, it is clear that all requirements were met with the original filing of the above-captioned patent application under 35 U.S.C. 371. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the filing date of June 6, 2006 be assigned to the above-captioned application instead of the incorrect date, April 2, 2007, as recently assigned on the Notice of Acceptance of Application and Filing Receipt (copies enclosed).

The Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition was originally filed with the application on June 6, 2006 and acknowledged as being received by the U.S. Patent Office. Proof of acknowledgement is shown on the enclosed postcard, stamped by the PCT Office of the U.S. Patent Office.

Although the Declaration and Power of Attorney fully identified the application by the International Application number and the International filing date, a "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371" was mailed out by the Patent Office on February 1, 2007, which stated that this information was not supplied on the Oath or Declaration at the time of filing. Applicant's agent responded with a copy of the originally filed Declaration & Power of Attorney, postcard, and a responsive explanation on March 30, 2007. A copy of the postcard indicating receipt of these documents on April 2, 2007 is enclosed for your convenience, as well as the previously filed documents.

It is respectfully requested that a new Notice of Acceptance and Filing Receipt be issued with a filing date of June 6, 2006, the original filing date of this patent application.


Further, the attorneys associated with Customer Number 46,188 should be listed on the filing receipt and on pair as indicated on the Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the issues as set forth above, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
THELEN REID BROWN RAYSMAN & STEINER LLP

Dated: March 19, 2008


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/FR04/50712

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>04/02/2007</u>	<u>04/02/2007</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 06/06/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/06/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/06/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/06/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/18/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/02/2007
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/06/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 06/06/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 06/06/2006
- Power of Attorney filed on 04/02/2007
- Specification filed on 04/02/2007

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- Claims filed on 04/02/2007
- Abstracts filed on 04/02/2007
- Drawings filed on 04/02/2007

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Power of Attorney:

James Wu--45241

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/FR04/50712 12/16/2004

Foreign Applications

FRANCE 0351136 12/19/2003

Reviewed By: MP Date: 1/6/08No Action Required: Action Required: ✓ POA / FDate

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/24/2007

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/581,978**

Projected Publication Date: 12/06/2007

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Early Publication Request: No

Title

Very Small-Diameter Open-Cell Polymer Foams and Their Manufacturing Process

Preliminary Class

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Almost every country has its own patent law, and a person desiring a patent in a particular country must make an application for patent in that country in accordance with its particular laws. Since the laws of many countries differ in various respects from the patent law of the United States, applicants are advised to seek guidance from specific foreign countries to ensure that patent rights are not lost prematurely.

Applicants also are advised that in the case of inventions made in the United States, the Director of the USPTO must issue a license before applicants can apply for a patent in a foreign country. The filing of a U.S. patent application serves as a request for a foreign filing license. The application's filing receipt contains further information and guidance as to the status of applicant's license for foreign filing.

Applicants may wish to consult the USPTO booklet, "General Information Concerning Patents" (specifically, the section entitled "Treaties and Foreign Patents") for more information on timeframes and deadlines for filing foreign patent applications. The guide is available either by contacting the USPTO Contact Center at 800-786-9199, or it can be viewed on the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/index.html>.

For information on preventing theft of your intellectual property (patents, trademarks and copyrights), you may wish to consult the U.S. Government website, <http://www.stopfakes.gov>. Part of a Department of Commerce initiative, this website includes self-help "toolkits" giving innovators guidance on how to protect intellectual property in specific countries such as China, Korea and Mexico. For questions regarding patent enforcement issues, applicants may call the U.S. Government hotline at 1-866-999-HALT (1-866-999-4158).

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Serial/Patent No.: 10/581,978

Filing/Issue Date: 6/6/06

Applicant: Remy Collier et al.

Title: Open Cell Polymer Foams Having A Very Small Diameter, And The Production Method Thereof

TRP Docket No.: 034299-701

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated February 1,
2007 in the above-identified application.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

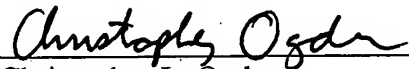
The declaration as originally filed in the United States Patent Office on June 6, 2006 (attached hereto as Exhibit A) identifies the application by the International application number and international filing date in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a). Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the requirement for a oath or declaration of the inventors be withdrawn. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is enclosed.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 06/06/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 06/06/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 06/06/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/18/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 06/06/2006
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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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TRANSMITTAL FORM

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP		
Signature	<i>Christopher L. Ogden</i>		
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Applicant: COLLIER, Remy et al.

Title: VERY SMALL-DIAMETER OPEN-CELL POLYMER FOAMS AND THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESS

ATP Docket No.: 034299-000701

Atty/Secty Initials: REK/lh

Date Mailed: June 6, 2006

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- ☐ IDS & PTO 1449 (____ pgs.)
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Declaration, Power Of Attorney and Petition

WE (I) the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that :

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Very small-diameter open-cell polymer foams and their
manufacturing process

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on

as Application Serial No.

and amended on

☒ was filed as PCT international application

Number PCT/FR2004/050712

on December 16, 2004

and was amended under PCT Article 19

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We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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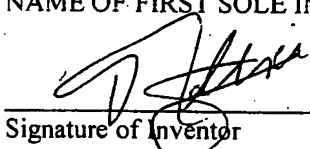
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